

Governor's 2010 Supplemental Budget impact on Puget Sound Recovery

At the February Science Panel meeting, Partnership staff will discuss the impact of the Governor' 2010 Supplemental Budget on Puget Sound Recovery. Important points to be covered include:

- It is currently estimated that almost \$400 Million is provided through the state budget for Puget Sound protection and restoration in the 2009-11 Biennium.
- Overall the Governor's supplemental budget proposal increases funding for Puget Sound programs by \$48 million for the 2009-11 Biennium.
- Primarily through additional federal funding the operating budget is increased by \$2.5 million. However state funding is reduced by \$1.5 million.
- Several statewide regulatory and technical assistance programs are reduced by \$4.45 million for Puget Sound actives. The most significant of these reductions include:
 - o \$2.1 million for toxic clean-up staff
 - \$1.3 million for watershed planning grants
 - \$461,000 for grants to implement on-Site Sewage system planning requirements
- Science and Monitoring related items in the Governor's budget include:
 - \$1.5 million in one time funding for DNR to maintain its adaptive management program under the Forest and Fish Agreement.
 - \$163,000 reduction for scientific technical assistance to lead entities.
- Capital funding is increased by \$42 million. The most significant additions were:
 - \$10 million for the Partnership to provide grants to local governments, tribes and state agencies for Puget Sound restoration projects
 - \$25 million for the Department of Ecology to provide loans for wastewater, stormwater and other projects in Puget Sound through the State Revolving Fund.
 - \$4.2 million to clean up toxic sites
- The Department of Transportation received \$3.4 million to improve stormwater management on state highways by implementing new Department of Ecology stormwater permit requirements.